



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 6568 **Tom Lantos Pulmonary Hypertension Research** **and Education Act of 2008**

As ordered reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce on September 23, 2008

SUMMARY

H.R. 6568 would direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to encourage research and carry out education campaigns on pulmonary hypertension. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 6568 would cost \$16 million over the 2009-2013 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. Enacting H.R. 6568 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 6568 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated cost of H.R. 6568 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 550 (health).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2009-2013
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Promoting Awareness of Pulmonary Hypertension						
Authorization Level	5	5	5	0	0	15
Estimated Outlays	2	4	5	3	1	15
Government Accountability Office						
Estimated Authorization Level	1	0	0	0	0	1
Estimated Outlays	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total Changes						
Estimated Authorization Level	6	5	5	0	0	16
Estimated Outlays	3	4	5	3	1	16

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

H.R. 6568 would direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to encourage research and to carry out educational campaigns on pulmonary hypertension for the general public and health care providers. The bill also would require the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to study standards under Medicare and Medicaid for covering the costs of pulmonary hypertension therapies. For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 6568 would be enacted near the beginning of fiscal year 2009, that the necessary amounts will be appropriated each year, and that outlays will follow historical spending patterns for similar activities at the specified agencies. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 6568 would cost \$3 million in 2009 and \$16 million over the 2009-2013 period.

Promoting Awareness

H.R. 6568 would direct the Secretary of HHS, acting through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to carry out two education campaigns to increase awareness of pulmonary hypertension. H.R. 6568 would authorize the appropriation of \$5 million a year for fiscal years 2009, 2010, and 2011. Those amounts would be split equally between CDC and HRSA, to increase awareness of pulmonary hypertension among the general public and among health professionals, respectively. Assuming the appropriation of the specified amounts, CBO

estimates that provision would cost \$2 million in 2009 and \$15 million over the 2009-2013 period.

Government Accountability Office Study

This bill would require GAO to research and provide a report to the Congress detailing Medicare and Medicaid coverage standards for all therapies approved by the Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of pulmonary hypertension. Assuming the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that provision would cost \$1 million in 2009.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL IMPACT

H.R. 6568 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates defined in UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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